

REMARKS

Claims 2-15 are all the claims pending in the application. As shown in the foregoing amendments, claim 1 is cancelled, and its subject matter, except for the portion that had been added on 6/11/07, has been incorporated into independent claim 2. Additionally, dependent claims 2-7, 10, 11 and 13 are also amended.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. As shown in the foregoing amendments, the allowable subject matter has been rewritten in independent form in claim 2, and allowance is accordingly requested.

I. Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to applicant and applicant's representatives during the personal interview conducted on November 7, 2007. A separate Statement is being filed concurrently with this paper.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections

In accordance with the discussion during the personal interview, applicant has amended the subject matter previously recited in claim 1, by adding that matter to claim 2, and removing the subject matter that had been previously added on June 11, 2007. Further, claim 11 is amended. The amendments are believed to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections.

III. Prior Art Rejections

Applicant has rewritten claim 2 in independent form, so that the independent claim from which all of the remaining pending claims depend includes the subject matter that the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. Therefore, it is believed that the prior art rejections are overcome,

and the application is in proper condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections, and allowance of the claims.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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